The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th day of March 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. Rajagopala Achariyar Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Purchase of lands and houses by sub-registrars.

875 *Q.*—Mr. A. M. Ahmad Miran Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state the names of sub-registrars who applied for permission to purchase lands and houses in the years 1921 and 1922 arranged according to caste as Brahmans, non-Brahmans, Muhammadans and Christians ; in how many cases permission was refused by the Inspector-General ; what are their names and what is the cause for refusal of permission ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Communal representation in the inferior service.

876 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the object of the Government in issuing G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, is to include the number of inferior servants appointed in the return called for by the Government ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that peons and other inferior servants are included in the half-yearly return ?

A.—The hon. Member will find the reply to his questions in paragraph 3 of the Government Order on which they are based.

Moslem representation in the Registration Department in Ganjām.

877 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans employed in the Ganjām district as clerks and sub-registrars by the present Inspector-General ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Translation into vernaculars of all Government Orders relating to depressed classes.

878 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : Will the hon. the Home Member, the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is the intention of Government to publish in the vernaculars a gist of all the Government Orders issued by the Government

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since January 1920 relating to the depressed classes offering concession for education, darkhast lands, house-sites, loans for cultivation, appointments, et.c ?

A.—There is no such proposal now under consideration but Government will consider its feasibility.

The resettlement of Ganjām and Vizagapatam districts.

879 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table the draft notifications regarding the resettlement of Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts ?

A.—The hon. Member will be furnished with copies of the draft resettlement notifications.

Resettlement in South Arcot, Chingleput, Madura and Tanjore districts.

880 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table the resettlement introduction reports of South Arcot, Chingleput and Madura districts and resettlement draft notification of Tanjore district ?

A.—The hon. Member will be furnished with a copy each of the following Government Orders :—

(1)	G.O. No.	2608,	Revenue,	dated	28th November 1921.
(2)	,,	2731	,,	,,	15th ,, 1920.
(3)	,,	2765	,,	,,	16th September 1912.
(4)	,,	2703	,,	,,	1st ,, 1917.
(5)	,,	145	,,	,,	20th January 1920.
(6)	,,	820	,,	,,	7th April 1919.
(7)	,,	3069	,,	,,	24th December 1920.
(8)	,,	2875	,,	,,	2nd ,, ,,
(9)	,,	2095	,,	,,	26th August ,,
(10)	,,	1122	,,	,,	17th May 1920.
(11)	,,	2219	,,	,,	12th December 1922.

Annual assessment foregone in the free assignment of lands to ex-war service men.

881 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the total annual assessment foregone till now from 1915 in the free assignment of unassessed or assessed waste lands to ex-war service men ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Discontinuance of crop-cutting experiments.

882 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state why crop-cutting experiments in the Bellary district were discontinued in regard to the following crops from the dates noted against each :—

Paddy	28th November 1919 ;
Irrigated cholam	31st October 1917 ;
Unirrigated cholam	11th November 1917 ?

A.—The Government are not aware that the experiments have been discontinued.